

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

With a gas conditioner the gas can be conditioned in a suitable way before it is returned to the dead volume. Conditioning can consist of humidifying the gas and/or complementing it with a gas component. A complementary gas component can be of oxygen, laughing gas, [[an]] an anesthetic, [[a]] a gaseous pharmaceutical, etc.

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

In FIG. 1 a first embodiment of a device 2 according to the invention is shown. The device 2 is coupled between a y-piece 4 via a first adapter 8 and a moisture and heat exchanger 6[[,]] and a patient connection 10 via a second adaptor 12.

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

The moisture and heat exchanger 6 is a common component with respiratory therapy of different types. It absorbs moisture from gas during expiration and supplies moisture to gas during inspiration. A problem with the moisture and heat exchanger 6 is that it takes up a certain volume. This volume, together with the tube volume between the y-piece 4 up to and including the patient connection 10, form the machine dead volume. Gas mixed with carbon dioxide which is in this dead volume after expiration is returned to the patient during the following inspiration.